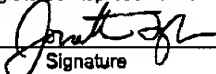


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Serial No. 09/660,049

Filing Date: September 12, 2000

For SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR
REFILLING A DISPENSER

Examiner Paul R. Durand

Group Art Unit No. 3721

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This communication is in response to the Office Action mailed on January 14, 2003. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider the rejections in view of the following amendments and remarks, as set forth below:

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TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

Transmitted herewith is Amendment and Request for Reconsideration and one (1) sheet of drawings.

- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR § 1.27 has been established by verified statement previously submitted.
- ☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR §§ 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- ☐ Petition for a _____ month extension of time.
- ☒ No additional fee is required.
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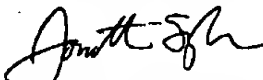
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